

The addition of a broadcast flag for copy protection could harm consumers. I use a personal video recorder to record and watch shows. I do this to allow me to watch the programs I want and not interfere with other family events. The PVR also allows me to record and review shows easily to determine if I should allow my children to watch them.

Any inclusion of a broadcast flag must include strong guarantees that it not be used to prevent recording by VCRs or PVRs and include strong penalties to any party tha would try to use it for such purposes. Any thing less could cause significant harm to the rights that consumers currently enjoy.